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TO: Senator Lee Beyer  
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FROM: Mitch Swecker, Interim Director

RE: **Senate Bill 904**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Senate Bill 904 amends ORS 836 to allow for the establishment of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts at rural airports within Oregon.

## **WHAT THE BILL DOES:**

Senate Bill 904 allows for the creation, with local approval, of Tax Increment Financing Districts at rural airports. It could be a source of revenue for airports not normally eligible for funding from other sources such as the FAA. This legislation could promote the creation of public-private partnerships to assist the orderly development of airports and airport related businesses to increase family wage jobs and local tax bases.

## **SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 904 develops a means for rural airport sponsors and taxing districts to fund airport economic development activities such:

- On and off airport infrastructure improvements, hangars, roads, water, fire suppression, sewer etc
- Noise abatement plans and improvements
- Land use planning,
- Essential airport projects, fuel tank infrastructure, obstruction removal, security fencing, signage, lighting.
- Could enable funding of sponsor match for federal grants
- Could provide additional resources to assist with maintaining an efficient aviation system within Oregon and a potential funding source for NON-federally funded airports.

Oregon Department of Aviation supports any additional funding source that promotes aviation including safety, on and off-airport infrastructure improvements, economic growth and jobs.